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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed October 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Amended) Weapon system comprising:

a weapon; and

time apparatus adapted to disarm the weapon after a selected time has elapsed, further including means for shortening or extending the selected time either before or after the selected time has elapsed.

✓ Please cancel Claim 3.

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections are hereby requested.

The present invention is directed to weapons systems that include timing apparatus adapted to disarm the weapon after a selected time has elapsed. This selected time can be shortened or extended either before or after the selected time has elapsed. As explained in the specification, the present invention will allow, for example, a country to export weapons systems to other countries but nonetheless maintain the ability to disable such weapons system if desired. For example, if a current ally were to become an enemy, the selling country could render inoperable any munitions it had sold to the other country.

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